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1B. (C) STATE 13716
1C. (D) STATE 1087

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11. (C) As previously noted in reftel B, DCM met on February 8 with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Acting Head of the International Organizations Rosita Hubard, who indicated that the GOS does not support independence for Kosovo, citing "territorial integrity and unity of the state." Despited entreaties, and barring extraordinary deelopments, Post does not expect the GOS position will change.

12. (C) DCM is pursuing a follow-up meeting with the Head of Protocol or Permanent Secretary of the MFA, but due to the MFA's cumbersome, bureaucratic process for requesting appointments, that meeting will not likely occur until the middle of the week of February 17.

13. (C) COMMENT: As noted above, Post does not expect Suriname to change its previously stated position. It is not in the Surinamese political nature to take a stand on matters outside of its rather narrow world view. However, if significant numbers of Caricom members were to express support for Kosovar independence, the Embassy would be in a slightly stronger position to press for support.

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